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SUBJECT: HAITI: FARRAR-CHARLES DISCUSSIONS ON APRIL 27 SHOOTINGS AND STATE OF THE HNP

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1. (C) Summary: HNP Director General Charles told visiting INL PDAS Farrar that the April 27 shootings came in response to violence in the wake of the April 27 shooting incident

2. (C) In an April 29 meeting with visiting INL Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Jonathan Farrar and Embassy police advisor, DG Leon Charles stated that HNP not trained, MINUSTAH support poor

3. (C) In response to DAS Farrar's query if HNP officers were sufficiently trained and equipped to effectively handle such incidents, Charles

4. (C) Embassy police advisor suggested that one solution would be to have CIVPOL work directly with CIMO/SWAT. Formed Police Unit (FPU) officers are currently
Police recruiting

5. (C) DAS Farrar cited continuing USG commitment in support of HNP recruiting efforts and the importance of maintaining high recruitment standards. U.S. Weapons License Request

6. (C) Charles also inquired about the status of the weapons licensing waiver. He referred to a recent gun battle in Cite Soleil where well-armed

7. (C) DAS Farrar explained the waiver process including Congressional notification by the Department of State. He told DG Charles that Congress is currently
Comment

8. (C) April 27 was the fourth occasion since February where the HNP used deadly force. Despite repeated requests, we have yet to see any objective

9. (C) MINUSTAH/CIVPOL/HNP cooperation is more advanced in the Cap Haitien area; lessons learned from there must be transferred to the more difficult areas.
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